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In re Patent Application of:
Soren L. Jensen, et al.

Application No.: 10/026,491

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Art Unit: 1755

For: MAN-MADE VITREOUS FIBRES

Examiner: K. Group

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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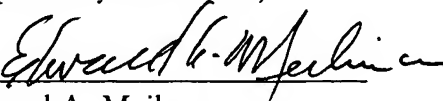
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

For the non-English documents for which a translation is not available and provided, the relevancy appears to be:

FR 902563 (C23) – the list of analyses at lines 41 to 47, right-hand column of page 1.

SU 1031930A (C40) - the list of analyses

SU 391072 (C46) – the list of analyses

Butezeichen-Vorteille Publication (C37) – the technical substance of this German regulation as it existed in September 2000 is explained in detail in paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 of A39.

DIN standard (C45) – corroboration of assertions made in paragraphs 58 to 60 of A43.



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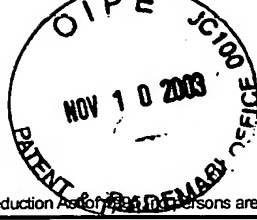
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	C20a	Coversheet for the international conference "Biopersistence of Respirable Synthetic Fibres and Minerals" held September 7-9, 1992 in Lyon, France		
	C20b	Dr. Michael Perander Affidavit attesting to the correspondence in binder		
	C24a	Report to Osterreichische Heraklith GmbH, Austria from Dr. Sundberg and Mr. L.G. Johansson dated March 29, 2002 regarding the Calculation of Viscosity		
	C26a	Calculations from Table extracted from the journal Glasteknisk tidskrift 1981 from L.G. Johansson dated March 16, 2001		
	C28	BOTTINGA, ET AL., "The Viscosity of Magmatic Silicate Liquids: A Model for Calculation," American Journal of Science, May 1972, pp. 438-473, Vol. 272		
	C29b	J.S. MACHIN, ET AL., "Viscosity Studies of System CaO-MgO-Al ₂ O ₃ -SiO ₂ : I, 40% SiO ₂ ", Journal of The American Ceramic Society, No. 11, pp. 310-316, Vol. 28		
	C36	ROBERT H. DOREMUS, 'Glass Science," John Wiley & Sons, NY, 1973, p. 247		
	C37	Publication - Gutezeichen-Vorteile fur Hersteller under Verbraucher dated September 2000		
	C38	Report dated June 1-5, 1987 - Mineral Fibers with Improved Thermal Durability - English translation indicated as C381(2)		X
	C38c	Table labeled recalculation, 2 pages		
	C38d	Letter dated June 2, 2001 from Prof. Dr. D. Suvorov to Dr. M. Jarvinen regarding Additional explanation		X
	C39	VERMUND CHRISTENSEN, ET AL., "In-Vitro Dissolution Rates of Compositions Within the TIMA Nomenclature Definition of Slag Wool", April 1994		
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	C43	TORBEN KNUDSEN, ET AL. "New type of stonewool (HT fibres) with a high dissolution rate at pH = 4.5," <i>Glastech Ber. Glass Sci. Technol.</i> 69 (1996), pp. 331-337, No. 10	
	C44	T. SCHNEIDER, ET AL., "Man-Made Mineral Fibre Size Distributions Utilizing Unbiased and Fibre Length Biased Counted Methods and the Bivariate Log-Normal Distribution," <i>J. Aerosol Sci.</i> , pp. 139-146, 1983, Vol. 14, No. 2	
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	C48	Glass Research Institute Report dated October 18, 1985	x
	C48a	Letter from Stellan Persson dated July 14, 2003 Concerning Glafo Report No. 5466/PR333:D	
	C51	R.W. LEMAITRE, "The Chemical Variability of some Common Igneous Rocks," <i>Journal of Petrology</i> , 1976, pp. 589-637, Vol. 17	
	C52	Letter dated January 15, 2003	
	A39	History of HT Fibres – Document A39 (10 pages)	
	A43	Rockwool International A/S Opposition to EP 790,962 and 791,087 and Divisionals of These (18 pages)	

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